

**ALTERNATIVE USES OF SUPPORT MATERIAL  
IN SOLID FREEFORM FABRICATION SYSTEMS**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention is drawn to solid freeform fabrication systems and methods for producing three-dimensional objects. The system can include build material configured to be deposited in layers to form a three-dimensional object; and support material configured to be deposited adjacent to the build material for supporting the build material during formation of the three-dimensional object. The support material can also be configured to form a feature that imparts a predetermined property within the three-dimensional object.